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1. [redacted] emergency medical training on Bacteriological Warfare [redacted] was designed to train virtually all of Bulgaria's adult populace in emergency medical treatment, or first aid, and was not to be repeated. It was compulsory for all Bulgarian citizens of sixteen years or more of age. Younger people reaching this age level in subsequent years would have received equivalent training in Bulgaria's youth organizations, so that no repeat of the mass training program would be required. The first course (from about December 1950 to March 1951), dealt with general first aid measures. The second course (April and May 1951) was devoted to civilian defense in the event of war, with emphasis on defense against bombings. This training extended to all parts of the country, rural as well as urban. 25X1
2. Instruction in anti-BW techniques was brief (probably no more than one hour, [redacted] and very sketchy. [redacted] BW lecture was that (a) the USSR would never be the first to launch a BW attack, but was prepared to retaliate if another state used this weapon against her, (b) in case of a BW offensive against Bulgaria, the authorities would mark contaminated water sources for the benefit of the public, and (c) the United States had mailed germs into Bulgaria by concealing them in food packages. 25X1
3. Only one hour or so was devoted to BW during the second course, which was called Protivo-Vuzdushna Khimicheska Otbrana (Antiaerial Chemical Defense). More emphasis was placed on defense against bombings and fires. There was no mention of BW in the first course.
4. Most of Bulgaria's civilian doctors participated as instructors in the first course. A corps of lecturers (not professional medical men) gave the second course. [redacted] 25X1

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[REDACTED] from newspaper accounts of similar training in the USSR, [REDACTED] the whole program was Soviet inspired. Source stated that the USSR would be extremely unlikely to conduct secret BW research in Bulgaria due to a distrust of the Bulgarian people. The Bulgarians are distrusted by the Soviets to the extent that any foreigners are distrusted by the Soviets. It would be illogical, in source's view, for the security-minded Soviet government to place so sensitive an installation as a BW research center in Bulgaria or any other satellite, where it would be far more accessible, relatively, to agents of foreign intelligence services, than if it were located inside the USSR.

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